

Popular Culture in Japan

May 18 - June 3, 2019 | Kamakura, Tokyo, Tsukuba

What Did I Learn?

- How to use the super intricate Tokyo Metro rail system in 2 days! (It has 121 passenger rail lines and 882 stations)
- How to get to Tokyo from Tsukuba
- How to read some Japanese characters
- How Japanese culture evolved as modern times came
- How Sumo Wrestling works
- What Japanese eating etiquette looks like
- The Difference Between Western and Japanese Mannerism



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- This goal of this Education Abroad trip was to give Ohio State students a hands-on experience of learning how the histories of Japan and United States intertwine with each other
- We were also able to strengthen our relationship with Tsukuba University through the students and the faculty



Why Did I Select This Project?

- To travel to outside the country
- To learn how to be independent in a different country
- To be immersed in another culture
- To practice my Japanese skills
- To gain interest in the transportation planning of Japan



Transformation Impact

The most transformational impact this education abroad trip had on me would be realizing how to navigate a new country and a different culture on my own. This was the first time I traveled outside the country, and I decided to go 6,451 miles away from home. Many of my peers would be scared to do this, but I decided to take a leap and to go to Japan. Before going on this trip, I could only read a few Japanese characters, and knew about 3 phrases. I learned some more Japanese as I was there and that helped me navigate my day to day life. This boosted my confidence and ignited my love to travel.



My Favorite Parts of This Education Abroad

- The train system
- Visiting Tokyo SkyTree
- Visiting to Studio Ghibli
- Visiting the Robot Restaurant
- The amount of free time given to explore the Tokyo Metro area



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Japan Vlog:
6, 451 Miles Away
From Home, Part 1



Japan Vlog:
6, 451 Miles Away
From Home, Part 2

STEP

Second-year Transformational
Experience Program